

America Dreams

A Celebration of Our
Community's Natural Resource

by

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Josh asked, "What do I tell my mama
when she sees me dreaming and says,
'Wishers and dreamers never get
things done.'?"

Everything we have we owe to those who
went before.





Dreamer—one who has a strong or earnest hope or desire, a cherished goal



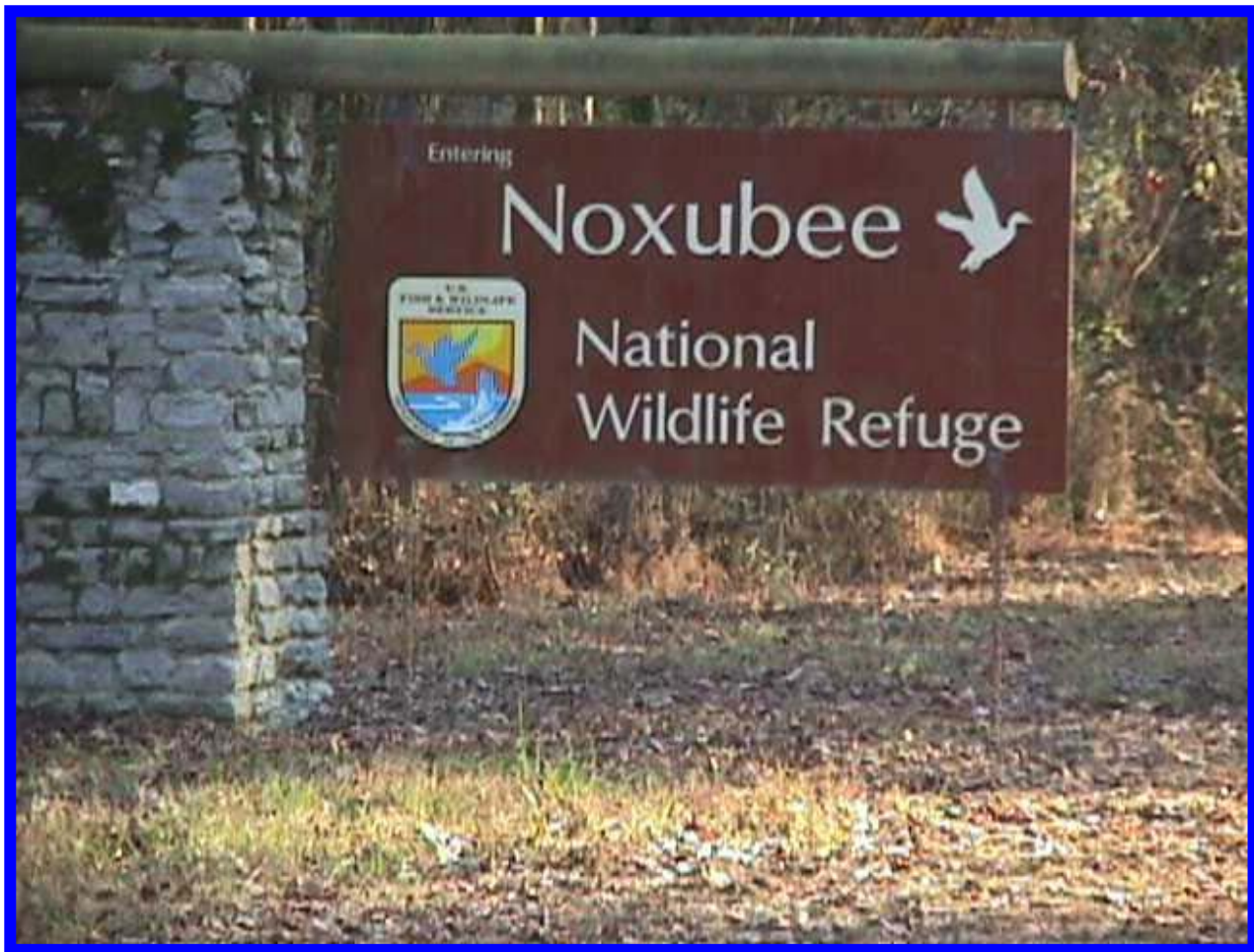
Celebrant—one who honors or praises publicly; one who extols



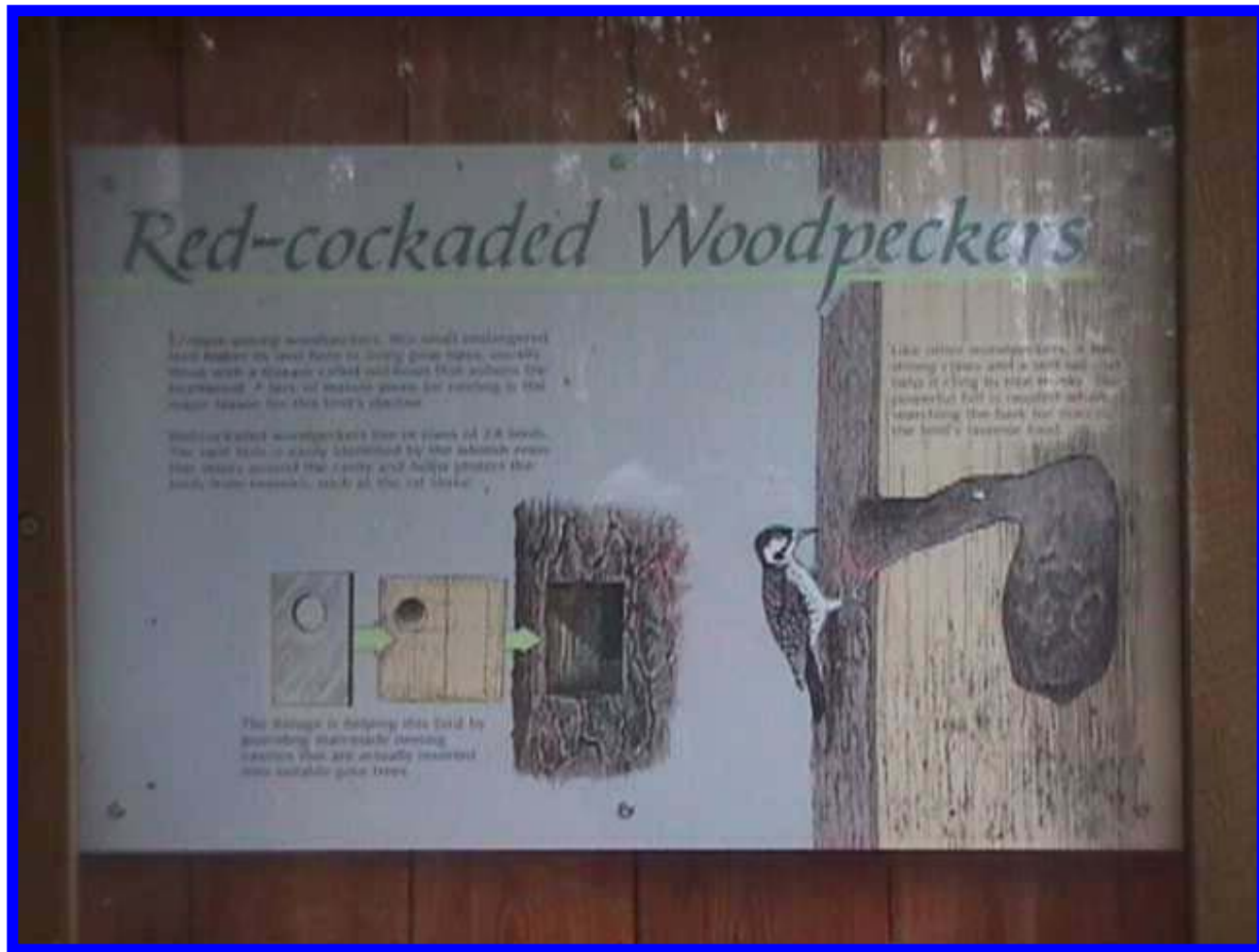
**"God's First Temples: How Shall We
Preserve Our Forests?" —John Muir**



Posthumous publication of [Henry David Thoreau's](#) The Maine Woods calls for the establishment of "national preserves" of virgin forest, "not for idle sport or food, but for inspiration and our own true re-creation."



"President Benjamin Harrison in 1892, by setting aside a tract of land in Alaska created what is in effect, if not in name, the first national wildlife refuge."



The largest colony in the world of this endangered species breeds just minutes from our school campus.



**The wonder and mystery of migration!
Canada geese in Mississippi**



"When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe." —John Muir



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"Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike." —John Muir



Read our descriptive [essay](#).



"The astronomer looks high, the geologist low. Who looks between on the surface of the earth?" —John Muir



“Conservation means the greatest good to the greatest number for the longest time...it recognizes fully the right of the present generation to use what it needs and all it needs of the natural resources now available, but it recognizes equally our obligation to use what we need that our descendants shall not be deprived of what they need.” —[Gifford Pinchot](#)



"You know, we are luckiest when we're able to realize other people's dreams. That's part of the story of America." —Dr. James Billington, the Librarian of Congress

"Dream Deferred"

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up

Like a raisin in the sun?

Or fester like a sore—

And then run?

Does it stink like rotten meat?

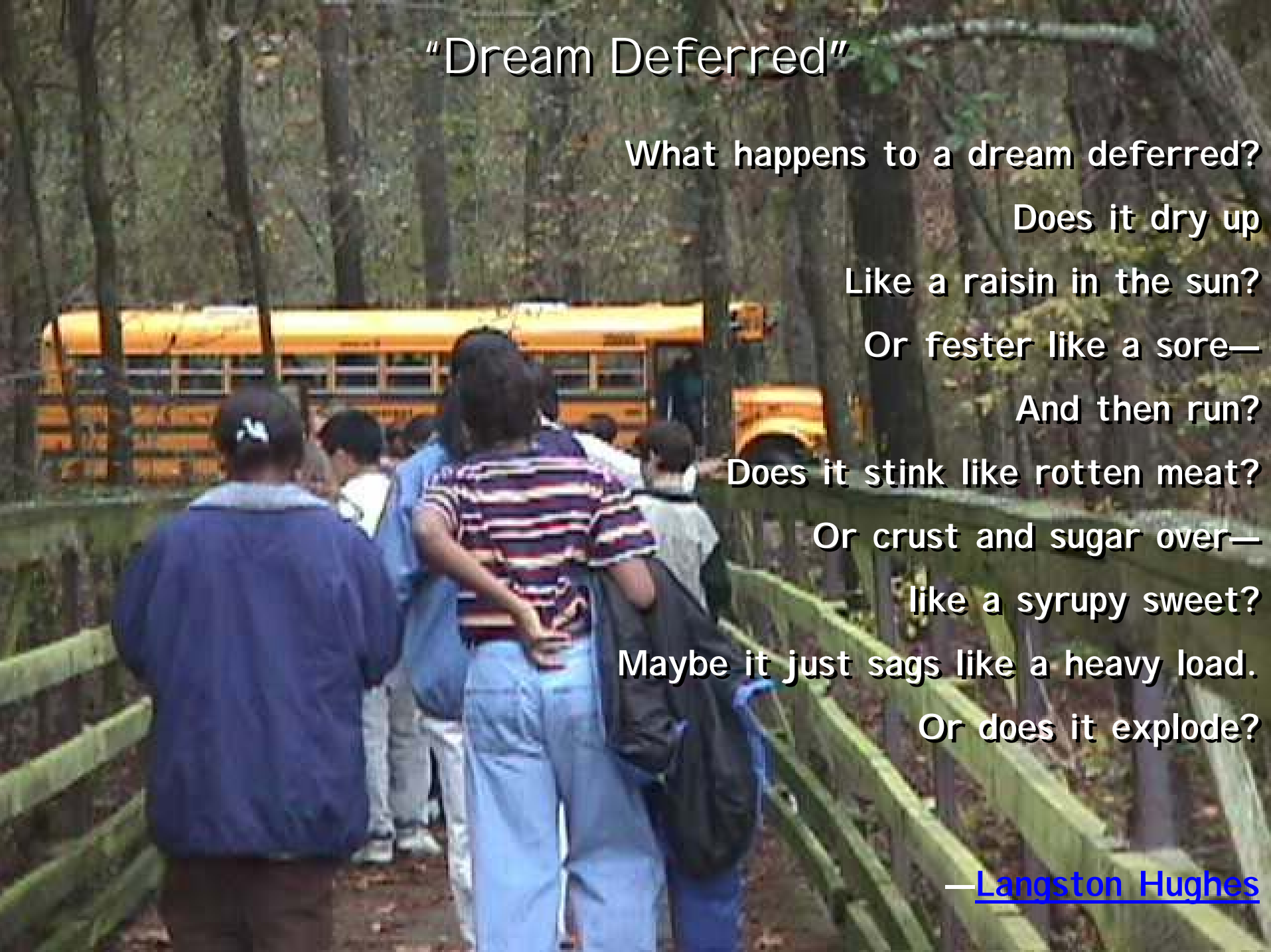
Or crust and sugar over—

like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags like a heavy load.

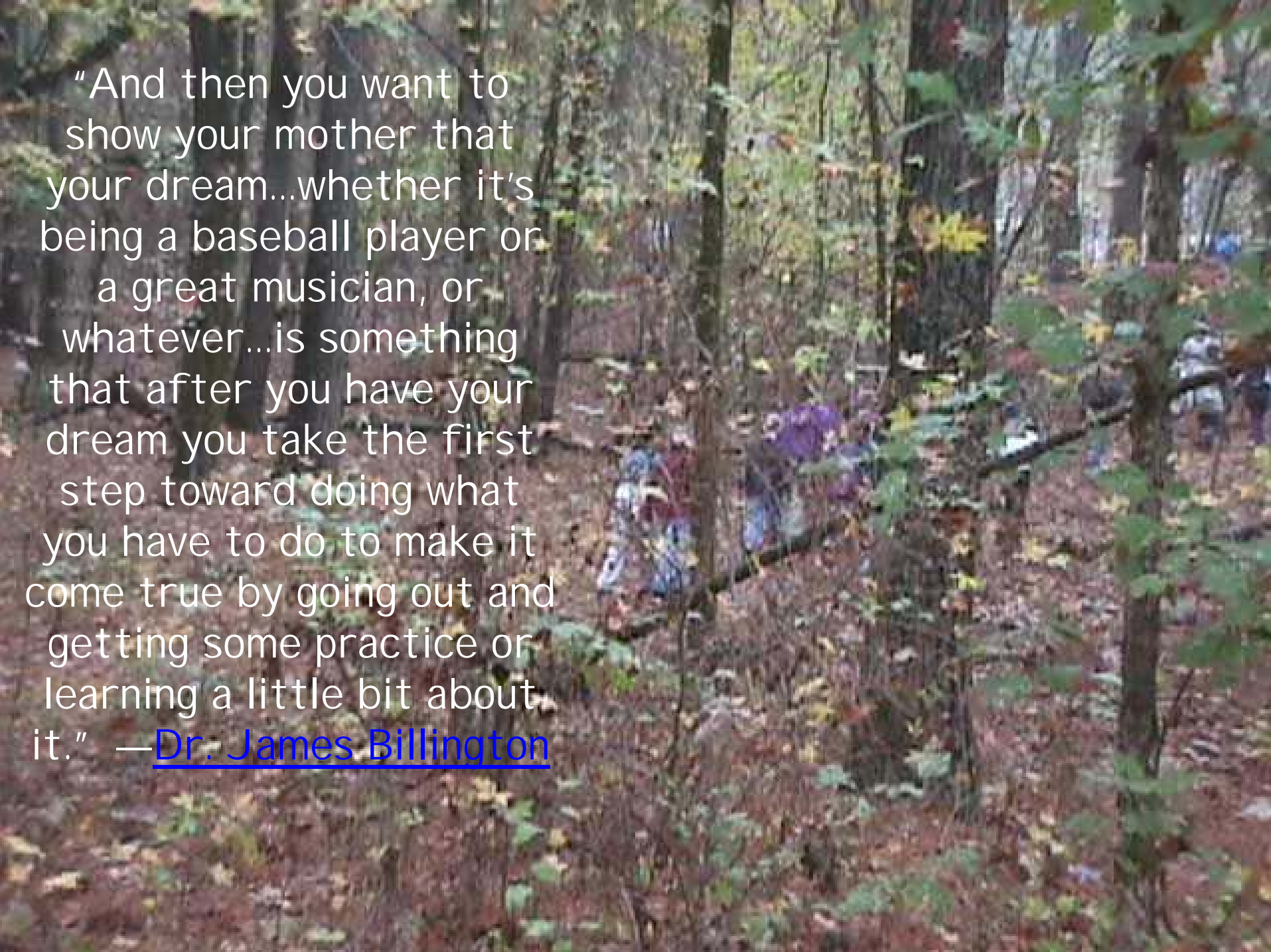
Or does it explode?

—[Langston Hughes](#)





Read our dreams as expressed in Langston Hughes's poem, "I Dream a World."

A photograph of a forest floor covered in fallen leaves in shades of brown, orange, and yellow. Several thin tree trunks are visible, some with green foliage still attached. The background is slightly blurred, showing more trees and foliage.

“And then you want to show your mother that your dream...whether it's being a baseball player or a great musician, or whatever...is something that after you have your dream you take the first step toward doing what you have to do to make it come true by going out and getting some practice or learning a little bit about it.” —[Dr. James Billington](#)

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